



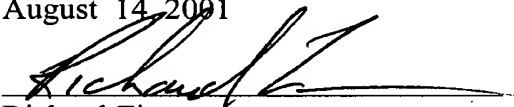
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231.

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action mailed June 20, 2001, Applicants hereby elect Group I, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding a protein, a vector, cell culture and a process for producing a protein, with traverse. This response is timely filed with a one month extension of time.

REMARKS

Group III is directed to a collection of polynucleotides wherein the collection comprises the sequence information of SEQ ID NOS: 1, 12 and 14. This sequence information is identical to the polynucleotide sequences of Group I. The Examiner would not be required to do any additional searching when examining Groups I and III simultaneously and therefore, combining these groups does not put an additional burden on the Examiner. The Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement, in respect to Groups I and III, be withdrawn and these groups be examined simultaneously.